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# Huffman, 12 other parents to plead guilty in college scheme

The actress is accused of making a $15,000 contribution in exchange for having her daughter's SATs corrected.

Actress Felicity Huffman and a dozen other prominent parents have agreed to plead guilty in the sweeping college admissions cheating scam that has ensnared wealthy families and athletic coaches at some of the nation's most selective universities, federal authorities said Monday.

The "Desperate Housewives" star and the other parents will admit to charges in the scheme, which authorities say involved rigging standardized test scores and bribing coaches at schools such as Yale and Georgetown.

Huffman, 56, was accused of paying a consultant $15,000 disguised as a charitable donation to boost her daughter's SAT score. Authorities say the actress also discussed going through with the same plan for her younger daughter, but she ultimately decided not to.

Other parents charged in the scheme include prominent figures in law, finance, fashion, the food and beverage industry and other fields.

It's the biggest college admissions case ever prosecuted by the Justice Department. The scandal embroiled elite universities across the country and laid bare the lengths to which status-seeking parents will go to secure their children a coveted spot.

**"We have worked cooperatively with the prosecutors and will continue to do so as we take full responsibility for our bad judgment."**

California real estate developer Bruce Isackson and his wife, Davina Isackson

The consultant, Rick Singer, met with Huffman and her husband, 69-year-old actor William H. Macy, at their Los Angeles home and explained to them he "controlled" a testing center and could have somebody secretly change their daughter's answers, authorities say. Singer told investigators Huffman and her husband agreed to the plan.

Macy was not charged. Authorities have not said why.

Huffman will plead guilty to a charge of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and honest-services mail fraud, according to court documents.

In her first public comments since her arrest last month, she apologized and said she accepts full responsibility for her actions and "will accept the consequences."

Huffman said in a statement that her daughter did not know about her actions. She said her desire to help her daughter was "no excuse to break the law."

Michael Center, the former men's tennis coach at the University of Texas at Austin, has also agreed to plead guilty, prosecutors said Monday. Center was accused of accepting nearly $100,000 to help a non-tennis-playing applicant get admitted as a recruit.

California real estate developer Bruce Isackson and his wife, Davina Isackson, who are pleading guilty to participating in both the athletic recruitment and exam-rigging schemes, are cooperating with prosecutors for a chance at a lighter sentence.

"We have worked cooperatively with the prosecutors and will continue to do so as we take full responsibility for our bad judgment," they said in a statement.

Fellow actress Lori Loughlin, who played Aunt Becky on the sitcom "Full House," and her fashion designer husband, Mossimo Giannulli, are charged with paying $500,000 in bribes to get their two daughters admitted to USC as crew recruits, even though neither participated in the sport. They were not among those who agreed to plead guilty, and they have not publicly addressed the allegations.

Singer, the consultant, pleaded guilty to charges including racketeering conspiracy on March 12, the same day the allegations against the parents and coaches were made public in the so-called Operations Varsity Blues investigation. Singer secretly recorded his conversations with the parents, helping to build the case against them, after agreeing to work with investigators in the hopes of getting a lesser sentence.

Several coaches have also been charged, including longtime tennis coach Gordon Ernst, who's accused of getting $2.7 million in bribes to designate at least 12 applicants as recruits to Georgetown. ASSOCIATED PRESS

Actress Felicity Huffman, center, leaves the John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse in Boston on April 3, 2019. GETTY IMAGES

## Man convicted for 3rd time of murder, arson in '85 fire

**2** A man has been convicted for a third time in what authorities called an arson in a Philadelphia row house that killed his two young sons more than three decades ago. The Philadelphia Inquirer reports that a jury deliberated for seven hours over two days before convicting 59-year-old Daniel Dougherty of second-degree murder and arson. Judge J. Scott O'Keefe immediately sentenced him Monday to two consecutive life terms, saying, "The acts that evening were despicable." Dougherty was sentenced to death after his first convictions in the 1985 deaths of 4-year-old Daniel and 3-year-old John, but that was reduced to a life sentence in 2012. He and his supporters contended that earlier verdicts were tainted by key testimony from a fire investigator they say used out-of-date and discarded arson-investigation techniques. ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Glen Mills Schools' license revoked over abuse claims

**3** The nation's oldest reform school had its licenses revoked Monday amid an investigation into allegations of child abuse at the suburban Philadelphia campus, and a spokeswoman said the school will appeal. The decision follows an investigation published this year by The Philadelphia Inquirer that detailed decades of alleged abuse and cover-ups at the 193-year-old Glen Mills Schools. The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services announced that all 14 licenses issued to Glen Mills were revoked "following documented instances of abuse against former students of the residential school." The department also cited "gross incompetence, negligence and misconduct in operating the facility." No students remained Monday after the state last month ordered their removal, spokeswoman Aimee Tysarczyk said in an emailed statement. The school will appeal, she said. ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Revolutionary Guard labeled terrorist org by United States

It's the first time another nation's military was labeled a terrorist group.

President Donald Trump on Monday branded Iran's elite Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps a terrorist organization, an unprecedented step that raises the specter of retaliation from Tehran in an increasingly tense Middle East.

It is the first time the United States has formally labeled another country's military a terrorist group.

"The IRGC is the Iranian government's primary means of directing and implementing its global terrorist campaign," Trump said in a statement.

Iran immediately condemned the decision as an illegal act prompted by Tehran's regional influence and "success in fighting against Islamic State," according to state television.

Tensions between the two countries have grown since Trump pulled the United States out of a 2015 nuclear deal with Tehran last May and reimposed sanctions that had crippled Iran's economy. Trump said the accord did not address Iran's ballistic missile activity or what he saw as its malign influence in the region.

Set up after the 1979 Islamic Revolution with the mission of protecting the Shi'ite clerical ruling system, the IRGC is Iran's most powerful security organization and has a huge influence in its political system, controlling large swathes of the economy and the armed forces.

The IRGC's involvement in Iran's banking and shipping industries could complicate matters with U.S. allies, including the European Union, which is setting up a new mechanism to facilitate payments for Iranian exports. It was not immediately clear how Monday's move would impact Europe's trade ties with Iran.

**"This designation is a direct response to an outlaw regime and should surprise no one."**

**Mike Pompeo, secretary of state**

Those who do business with the Guards could now receive up to 20 years in prison and be barred from entering or doing business in the United States.

The action on Monday "makes crystal clear the risks of conducting business with, or providing support to, the IRGC," Trump said. "If you are doing business with the IRGC, you will be bankrolling terrorism."

After reports of the planned U.S. designation emerged on Friday, Iranian lawmakers warned Tehran will take reciprocal action.

Critics have warned the U.S. action could open U.S. military and intelligence officials to similar moves by unfriendly governments.

The U.S. has blacklisted dozens of entities and people for affiliations with the IRGC, but not the organization as a whole.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, a strident critic of Iran, has pushed for the change in U.S. policy as part of the Trump administration's tough posture toward Tehran.

The U.S. action against the entire IRGC had been debated in the Trump administration for months as Washington sought additional ways to pressure Iran and curtail its growing influence in Syria, Iraq and Yemen.

"This designation is a direct response to an outlaw regime and should surprise no one," Pompeo said. The designation comes into effect next Monday.

In 2017, IRGC commander Mohammad Ali Jafari warned that if Trump went ahead with labeling the group as terrorist "then the Revolutionary Guards will consider the American army to be like Islamic State all around the world." REUTERS

# Viagra's Sex Pill Monopoly Is Over

## Since 1993, three brands have dominated the men's sexual performance market. Now there's a fourth, Vesele. And the difference is amazing...

**SAN DIEGO** – A new sex pill is set to take the spotlight with the Viagra patent about to expire. Since it's not a drug, it's something very different, it won't require a perscription and is priced just under a $1 a dose.

The new pill called *Vesele* is part of a new class of performance enhancers for men, which work on the body and mind, supporting firmer and harder erections

Formulated with a special compound known as a blood flow boosters, *Vesele* can transport its active ingredients in higher levels into the blood stream, where it begins to work.

The patent pending ingredient increases nitric oxide production, initiating a process known as vasodilation, which causes arteries and vessels throughout the body to relax. This allows blood to flow to penis and genitals, promoting stronger, harder erection which last longer.

But what makes *Vesele* so remarkable, and what these other sex pills can't do, is that a small portion of this blood flows to the brain, which creates feelings of intense arousal. In laymen's terms, users become incredibly excited and turned on.

This is why the makers of *Vesele* say their pill has worked so effectively in human clinical use survey trial. It increases blood flow to the two most important organs for great sex, the penis and the brain.

### The Brain Erection Connection

Until now, medical researchers did not fully understand the brain-erection connection. It has now been made clearer with the data backing *Vesele*. When both are supplied with a constant blood flow, men are harder and firmer for longer...and have higher sex drives.

"Most of the research and treatment methods for men's sexual failures have focused on physiological factors and have neglected the emotional ones. For the leading sex drugs to work, like Cialis and Viagra, you need visual stimulation" explains Dr. Henry Esber, from the company who created *Vesele*.

According to research published by the National Institute of Health, 50% of men taking these drugs stop responding or can't tolerate their side effects... and on top of that they spend $25 per pill and it doesn't even work half the time.

This is what makes *Vesele* so different. It provides the blood stream with nitric oxide which cause arteries to relax. The patented accelerator speeds up this process even more.

The result is an increase in hardness and maintenance and frequent sex when it is taken daily.

### Great Sex At Any Age

With the conclusion of latest human clinical use survey trial, *Vesele* is now being offering in the US. And regardless of the market, its sales are exploding.

Men across the country are eager to get their hands on the new pill and according to the research, they should be.

In the trial above, men taking *Vesele* saw a staggering 45.1% improvement in erection hardness from baseline over a four-month period. Their erections also lasted twice as long.

These same men also experienced an astounding 27% increase in the desire for sex (libido/sex drive) and an even greater improvement in overall satisfaction and ability to satisfy their partners.

### Higher Absorption into the Blood Stream

*Vesele* is made up of three specialized ingredients: two vasodilators and a patented absorption enhancer often called an accelerator. The FDA considers all to be safe.

Research shows that with age, many men struggle to produce an erection firm enough for penetration.

And although there are many theories as to why this happens (including a loss in testosterone) one thing is certain, inadequate blood flow is virtually always to blame. That's why sex drug manufacturers focus on blood flow, it makes your erection hard.

But what's more surprising, and what these manufacturers have failed to consider, is that lack of blood flow can also kill your sex drive. That's because blood supplies energy for the brain. This energy is required for creating brainwaves that cause excitability and arousal.

Studies show that nitric oxide stimulates the entire cardiovascular system, including the arteries that lead to both the brain and penis. The higher concentration of the ingredients in *Vesele* combined with the accelerator ensures that this process continues to work over time.

The sexual benefits of *Vesele* will start to show as its ingredients build up in the system over time. This is why many men take it every single day.

### The Same Study Shows Positive Effects on Women

In the same outstanding study referenced throughout, *Vesele* was also shown to have a surprising effect on women too. That's because

**Expiring Patent Opens the Door to a New Sex Pill:** *Vesele* is a new pill that cost just $1 a dose and does not require a prescription. It works on both body and mind to increase arousal and erection hardness.

the same arteries and vessels that carry blood and oxygen to the brain and genitals are the same in men and women.

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And with better blood flow, users also experienced sexual feeling they haven't felt in years.

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Actress Allison Mack leaves Brooklyn federal court Monday, April 8, 2019, in New York. AP PHOTO

# ‘Smallville’ actress Mack pleads guilty in NXIVM sex-cult case

Allison Mack is best known for her role as a young Superman’s close friend on the series “Smallville.”

With jury selection beginning at the federal case against a cult-like upstate New York group, TV actress Allison Mack pleaded guilty Monday to charges she manipulated women into becoming sex slaves for the group’s spiritual leader.

Mack, 36, wept as she admitted her crimes and apologized to the women who prosecutors say were exploited by Keith Raniere and the purported self-help group called NXIVM.

**“I believed Keith Raniere’s intentions were to help people and I was wrong. ... I know I can and will be a better person.”**
**Allison Mack**

“I believed Keith Raniere’s intentions were to help people and I was wrong,” Mack told a judge in federal court in Brooklyn as she pleaded guilty to racketeering charges.

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Mack is best known for her role as a young Superman’s close friend on the series “Smallville.”

After months of reflection since her arrest, “I know I can and will be a better person,” Mack said. Her sentencing was set for Sept. 11.

The plea means Mack will avoid going to trial with Raniere, wealthy heiress Clare Bronfman and another member of Raniere’s inner circle, Kathy Russell. All have pleaded not guilty and denied any wrongdoing.

Potential jurors were expected to begin filling out questionnaires Monday. Opening statements are scheduled for April 29.

The question of whom jurors would see seated at the defense table that day had remained open in the wake of new allegations that Raniere exploited a teenage girl. His co-defendants have since sought separate trials and engaged in plea negotiations.

Court papers allege NXIVM formed a secret society of women who were branded with Raniere’s initials and forced to have sex with him. Defense attorneys have insisted any relationship between Raniere and the alleged victims, including an unidentified actress and other women expected to testify against him at trial, was consensual.

On Monday, Mack said that at Raniere’s direction, she obtained compromising information and images of two unidentified women — called “collateral” within the group — that she threatened to make public if they didn’t perform “so-called acts of love.”

The jury questionnaire covers several topics, including asking candidates for their opinions about “rich individuals” and people who “engage in relationships with multiple sexual partners” and whether they “believe that people under the age of 17 should be able to consent to sex with adults.” ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# R. Kelly makes brief paid appearance at Illinois club

AP PHOTO

R&B singer R. Kelly made a paid appearance early Sunday at a club in Illinois' capital city, but the fans who each shelled out $50 to $100 for tickets got only a 28-second performance, followed by a half-hour meet-and-greet.

Hours before his appearance at the Dirty South Lounge in Springfield, Kelly posted a video on Instagram asking the media to "take it easy" on him because "this is how I got to get paid now, for right now."

Kelly, 52, was charged in February with 10 counts of aggravated sexual abuse that accused him of assaulting four women during a roughly 10-year period starting in the late 1990s. Three of the accusers were underage at the time. He has pleaded not guilty and denied any wrongdoing.

Since his arrest, the cash-strapped singer has struggled to get work in the U.S., Kelly's lawyer Steve Greenberg wrote in a motion last month seeking permission for Kelly to perform in Dubai and meet with members of the sheikhdom's royal family.

Kelly has been scrambling to pay child support, legal fees and everyday expenses because of the cancellation of Illinois concerts and a record contract, as well as the removal of his songs from streaming services, he wrote.

Kelly's lawyers later put the motion on hold. Dubai's government denied that Kelly had any concerts planned there and the claims that he would meet with members of the royal family.

About 100 people showed up for Kelly's appearance at the Springfield club, which has a 450-person capacity, TV stations WICS and WRSP reported. There was a $100 entrance fee, which was lowered to $50 once Kelly arrived at 1:30 a.m.

Kelly thanked supporters, sang a line from one of his songs for 28 seconds and spent about 35 minutes taking selfies, dancing and conversing with fans. The club closed at 3 a.m.

Some fans said it wasn't worth the $100 and that they wouldn't pay again. Fans also defended showing up at the event, saying they separate the accusations from the artist, the stations reported.

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# Ex-inmate hired to lead Pennsylvania pardons board's office

Lt. Gov. John Fetterman (pictured) appointed Brandon Flood as secretary to the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons. GETTY IMAGES

Former legislative aide who did prison time for drug and weapons offenses is appointed to the role.

A former legislative aide who did prison time for drug and weapons offenses has taken over as secretary to the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons amid efforts to streamline the clemency process, officials said Monday.

Democratic Lt. Gov. John Fetterman announced the appointment of Brandon Flood to the $89,000-a-year administrative post at a Capitol news conference.

Flood's pardon was signed several weeks ago by Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf.

Flood, 36, who lives in Steelton, spent nine years in prison after being convicted of possession with intent to deliver cocaine and a firearms violation. He said he wanted to reassure victims and those who advocate for them about his appointment.

"The integrity of the clemency process will not be diminished in any way, shape or form," Flood said at the announcement, adding that he knew firsthand "what it's like to bear that scarlet letter of conviction on your sleeve."

He has worked as a policy aide at the Department of General Services, a lobbyist and executive director of the state House's Legislative Black Caucus.

Flood said the pardons process can be streamlined and wants to improve public awareness, while other reforms will require legislative approval in the Republican-controlled General Assembly.

Fetterman chairs the five-member board, which also includes Attorney General Josh Shapiro, a corrections expert, a psychiatrist and a victim representative. The board secretary does not vote.

Majority approval is needed in most cases to recommend clemency, leaving the final OK to the governor. Cases that involve life sentences or the death penalty require board unanimity to go to Wolf.

Pardons restore to defendants certain legal rights, such as serving on a jury, buying a gun or holding public office. To clear their record, those who have received pardons must still apply for expungement.

**"The integrity of the clemency process will not be diminished in any way, shape or form."**
**Brandon Flood**

Flood said he hoped to make the application process more efficient and improve public outreach and education. He also spoke of establishing "regional clemency consultation sites" to help prospective applicants get started.

He said the board could be improved by moving more worthy candidates ahead more quickly, and that an automatic expungement process may also be an improvement.

Flood said it cost him about $1,500 to get his own record expunged, a cost that some defendants are not able to pay.

The pardons board voted to do away with its $63 application fee last month.

Fetterman's office said Flood illegally purchased a gun as protection after he was shot three times in Harrisburg, and police later found the gun during a traffic stop.

"Like many young men in our nation's inner cities, I foolishly viewed the selling of illegal narcotics as a quick and easy way out of poverty," Flood said.

His time behind bars included a stint at the State Correctional Institution-Chester.

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# Rhino poacher killed by elephant and eaten by lions

A rhinoceros poacher was stomped to death by an elephant and eaten by lions in a South Africa wildlife preserve, and rangers found just his skull and trousers, authorities said.

The man and two others were hunting illegally at Kruger National Park last week when the elephant surprised them, park spokesman Isaac Phaahla said. The hunter's companions dragged his body to a spot near a road and told the man's family what happened. It took two days for rangers to find his remains.

South Africans weighed in on social media, with many celebrating the poacher's death, calling it justice or applauding the animals for "restoring law and order in the jungle." But others blamed the economic desperation that leads people to become poachers, and the international criminal syndicates they work for.

Julian Rademeyer, a project leader for TRAFFIC, which monitors the international trade in wildlife, said effective measures are needed to attack the global rings that deal in rhino horn and elephant ivory.

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"The rage and anger of many people at the rampant poaching that is endangering rhinos and elephants is understandable. But the joy and gloating over the death of a poacher is crass and misguided," Rademeyer said. "Killing poachers will not stop poaching. Poachers are just the foot soldiers of international criminal syndicates."

The world's rhinos are in danger of being hunted to extinction. They are prized for their horns, which are ground up and used in traditional Chinese medicine as a supposed cure for a variety of ailments.

South Africa, which has about 80 percent of the world's remaining rhinos, has seen aggressive poaching of the animals in recent years. Last year 769 rhinos were killed illegally , down from more than 1,000 annually since 2013, according to Save the Rhino.

"Poaching is a serious, ongoing problem in the park," Phaahla said of Kruger, which covers 7,500 square miles in southeastern South Africa, making it about the size of the U.S. state of New Jersey.

After the death of the poacher, whose name and nationality were not released, relatives asked park officials to help recover the body. Rangers searched on the ground and by air but did not find the remains before it got dark, Phaahla said. ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**Gemini** Don't let anxiety kick in and cause you to make an emotional mistake. Look for the positive in whatever transpires to ease stress and make better choices.

**Cancer** It's time to have some fun. If you work on a project that stimulates you mentally, good things will happen. A relationship will develop faster if each party pursues a common goal.

**Leo** How you help people will determine what others think of you. If you want to make a change, consider how it will affect everyone around you. The right move will lead to new opportunities.

**Virgo** Don't jump into something you haven't had a chance to study. Stick to methods you know are safe and sound, and keep to the people you know you can trust.

**Libra** Learn all you can and connect with people who can help you make healthy and wise decisions. Don't let anyone put demands on you.

**Scorpio** Keep a close watch over your money and possessions. Take care of important details yourself. Share your feelings with a loved one and make plans that will bring you closer together.

**Sagittarius** Network and mingle with people you can learn from. Gravitate toward the experts, not to those trying to pitch you something risky or unrealistic. Don't share private information.

**Capricorn** If you reconnect with someone you enjoyed doing things with in the past, you'll come up with an interesting idea that will bring about a positive change and a different lifestyle.

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# AMC green-lights third 'Walking Dead' series

The new show will start filming this summer and is set to premiere in 2020.

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With AMC's "The Walking Dead" being on the air for 10 seasons and its spin-off series "Fear the Walking Dead" about to start its fifth season, you would think that fans of all things related to a zombie-infested post-apocalyptic world would have their hands full. Well, they will have more to sink their teeth into as AMC announced Monday morning that the network had green-lit its third series to take place within "The Walking Dead" universe.

The as-yet-unnamed new series will be based on the comics created by author Robert Kirkman, Tony Moore and Charlie Adlard. The series was co-created by Scott M. Gimple, the chief content officer of the "Walking Dead" universe, and Matt Negrete, a longtime writer and producer of "The Walking Dead" who will act as the showrunner for this new project. The show will begin production on 10 new episodes this summer in the state of Virginia, with plans to air on AMC sometime in 2020.

"Showing audiences an unseen pocket of 'The Walking Dead' universe steeped in new mythology is a very cool way to celebrate a 'Decade of the Dead' on TV and over 15 years of Robert Kirkman's brilliant comic," said Gimple in a release. "Matt Negrete is one of the best writer-producers in 'TWD''s long history — I'm thrilled to be working beside him to tell stories unlike we've seen before, taking our first step into an even larger world."

Negrete also shared his excitement to dig his heels deeper into the world created in the comics. "I'm beyond excited to be a part of this new show set in 'The Walking Dead' universe," said Negrete in the release. "Writing and producing for the original series has been the job of a lifetime and I'm honored to be working with Scott and all the fine 'Dead' folks at AMC in this new capacity. I can't wait for the fans of the franchise to see what we've been cooking up!"

While there have been no casting announcements for this new zombie-filled project, a press release from AMC explained that the show would follow the lives of two young female protagonists who were born into this cruel world and must choose what kind of people they will grow up to be. As fans of both "The Walking Dead" and "Fear the Walking Dead" know all too well, it could go one of two ways.

"We're thrilled that the 'Dead' will keep walking into a new corner of the post-apocalyptic world, a corner that will present stories and characters unlike any that 'The Walking Dead' has dramatized thus far, and that is bound to excite one of the most passionate fanbases in television," said David Madden, president of programming for AMC Networks and AMC Studios in the release. "Scott has been an invaluable leader for the universe since taking on the role of chief content officer, with a distinct and innovative vision for the franchise. Likewise, we're excited to have Matt, who has been a crucial part of 'The Walking Dead' family for over five years and penned many memorable episodes of 'TWD,' at the helm of this original series."

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# Back on the hunt with 'Killing Eve'

The stars of the popular dark comedy talk about tricking fans with a false sense of security and giving opportunities to different voices.

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Yes, the wait is finally over. The insanely popular hit BBC series "Killing Eve" returned for its second season last weekend to give fans another glimpse into the unpredictable game of cat and mouse between the hilariously clever and devious Russian assassin named Villanelle and the American detective on her trail, Eve Polastri. The complicated relationship between the two lead roles, played with electric charm by Jodie Comer and Sandra Oh, had won over legions of fans, bringing the show to a larger audience on AMC this season.

The cast of the show appeared at a conference hosted by the network on Monday morning for a series of different panels that revolved around such topics as visibility and inclusivity in television as well as the use of comedy to heighten the dramatic punch. Both of these topics were perfect for this unique and brilliantly constructed show, as with how dark and comedic it is, it is also led by a predominantly female cast, with an Asian-American, Sandra Oh, as its principal lead. Oh explained her initial surprise at realizing that she was cast as Eve in a discussion with journalist Alicia Quarles.

"I feel like Eve was clearly at least a white woman [in the books]," said Oh. "I was lucky to be at that point in my career where I was offered this script and I read it... I had to figure out for a second which character I was playing. I think that the point is, even this far down a line in one's career, as an actor of color or just myself, this far along [I] still could not see myself in this leading role. I felt very ashamed of myself for not having been able to see it. I was talking with my agent and I'm scrolling through and I'm like 'I don't get it.' I'm scrolling through and I'm like, 'Who am I playing?' And [my agent] was like, 'Eve. You're playing Eve!'"

Fiona Shaw, who plays Eve's superior in MI6 Carolyn Martens, chimed in, saying that casting Oh was also a revelatory choice in terms of the British social dynamic in these types of thrillers.

"There is something so interesting about a good deed producing another good deed," explained Shaw. "The casting of Sandra in 'Killing Eve' absolutely stopped thriller British spy stories being about the class system. Because suddenly, we had this American voice in. The whole ceiling shattered. It was very refreshing for everybody… because you couldn't do that endless thing about wondering whether someone is looking up or looking down on someone."

With the show's villain, Villanelle, the choices by the show's writing staff, along with the performance of a truly magnetic Jodie Comer, combine to really let the viewer inside the mind of a rampant psychopath. But the most interesting aspect to this is that the viewer is immediately torn on whom to root for once they get to know her better. Villanelle will put on her flawless dry wit as she lures her victims into her traps, breaking the slow-building tension just before she exhibits her total lack of remorse. It's a belly laugh that can hurt and delight in equal measure.

"What I love about the comedy moments is that it lulls the audience into this false sense of security and just as they are feeling comfortable [snaps fingers]," said Comer. "I know that's what I enjoyed in playing those moments. It's that element of surprise. I think it's so important that we have those moments. She's flamboyant, witty and extremely charismatic. That was always present within the script."

Breaking into the mind of such a cold-blooded yet likable serial killer was a part of the fun for executive producer Sally Woodward Gentle.

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Sandra Oh (left) as Eve Polastri, Nina Sosanya as Jess. ALL PHOTOS BBC AMERICA

Jodie Comer as Villanelle.

"I think she entertains herself," explained Gentle. "I think she finds herself hilariously funny. She is her biggest fan. What we did quite a lot when we were in the room, when we were talking to Phoebe and the other writers, was to try to get a sense of what any of us would do if you would wake up in the morning without any fear and there was no sense of consequence. I think that then liberates you massively. For a character like Villanelle, that's sort of wish fulfillment. We love playing with that and also being dark and being really naughty [laughs]."

*Season 2 of "Killing Eve" currently airs Sunday nights on both AMC and BBC America. On the heels of the season 2 premiere, it was also announced Monday that the show will return for a third season.*

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ible group piece that embodies the ancient art forms of tai chi and calligraphy. "Moon" is extremely powerful, with exciting solo and group choreography. "The Land" goes deep by using dance to showcase the struggles and enduring strength of the Tibetan people. "Dreamscape" offers an ethereal experience and "Interlude-Seed" highlights the extreme talent this young group of dancers truly possesses.

The world premiere of "Spring 101" is the finale to this wildly exciting show. According to the release, "Spring 101" breathes new life into Baroque music through a pairing of contemporary movement and sound design. Evoking the joy of spring and the excitement of new beginnings, "Spring 101" marks Lin's 101st choreographic work in his creative journey.

The routines performed by KYL/D are not just for entertainment, they truly do take audience members on a ride to another world altogether. Lin's study in tai chi, martial arts, chi gong, calligraphy, meditation and Chinese opera movement tie the show up like an impressive present. The outcome proves to be a true gift to anyone who has the pleasure of watching.

The show features spirituality in a highly physical way. Each movement speaks a beautiful language that you already understand, and every dancer embodies another beautiful layer of the human spirit. If you are looking to be moved, awed and altogether stunned, head to the Annenberg Center this weekend to experience the Kun-Yang Lin/Dancers.

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# The family man of comedy

Michael Yo's comedy special "Blasian" is available on Amazon now.

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Michael Yo. PROVIDED

The world of comedy has room for a lot — politics, opinions, making light of situations, heartbreak, romantic endeavors. The list could go on and on. What the comedy world doesn't always have room for, however, is love. Not just the lust kind of love or the admiration kind of love, but pure, unadulterated love. Comedian Michael Yo wants to change that. Instead of focusing on the darkness in the world today, he would rather crack jokes in the light and talk about the love he has for his parents, wife, son and the hilarious dynamic his family has. Yo sat down with Metro to talk about his career, his new comedy special on Amazon and his outlook on the comedy world today.

Yo first got his start in the entertainment world through radio at the young age of 14. "I just fell in love with it. Radio basically got me to television," says Yo.

Now, the Houston native has his own show on Sirius XM's Entertainment Weekly Radio. "Radio is amazing because if someone doesn't agree with you, they can call you up and talk to you. People can reach out to you on social media about things, but you don't have to read it. But when they call up it's great, it keeps you up-to-date on what America is actually thinking. I think when you just get caught up in movies and TV, you get stuck in a bubble away from what normal people think or feel, because you're not around it. It's that Hollywood bubble. On "The Michael Yo Show" I talk to people all day. I love feeling connected to them and you can feel the pulse of what they really want to talk about. Not just the left or right opinions, but people's actual opinions. That's what I love."

Radio provides a great outlet for Yo to talk to audiences around the country, whereas standup gives the comedian an amazing outlet to talk about his life. Yo's latest special, "Blasian," is available for home viewing on Amazon now, and the 44-year-old does not hold back when talking about his favorite subject: his family. "I started comedy eight years ago and after I had my son, I wanted something on tape that all my family could be a part of. So during the special, my parents come in, my wife comes in and my son comes in."

Yo's son, Oliver, has been the continuous motivation for his comedy specials and the main reason he is overly joyed that his legacy will live on. "I have this fear of something happening and my son not knowing how much I love him. That scares the hell out of me. He's young, he doesn't fully understand. We can't have a conversation about it yet. This is something that is now on tape forever. Hopefully, I'm around for a long time, but now, my son Oliver is going to know how much I love him. If he wants to look back on it 20, 30 or 40 years from now, he can do that."

Yo likes the fact that his comedy is "family-friendly." He wants it to be a breath of fresh air in a world that rarely seems to get one. "That's the type of comedy I want to do and that's the type I bring onstage. It's a very uplifting comedy special and it's all about family. It's okay to love your wife and kids and talk about the love and positivity of that. It's a comedy special — you don't have to hate everything about marriage. Plus, it's okay to talk about your parents and how it was growing up. I wanted to get that message out as well because it's dark out there. I want comedy to be an escape, and positive and uplifting."

FOX found Yo's point of view refreshing as well, so much so that the network recently announced they are developing a new sitcom with the comedian based on his stand-up. "It's my life and exactly what you see onstage. It's about my family and my parents and my wife and their dynamics. Without going into detail, I'm writing the new pilot now, so we'll see what happens."

Yo's view on the comedy world and life is invigorating, and some highlights of his career have been meeting others with that same outlook. Being in the biz a long time has led Yo to make many friendships and connections with Hollywood "A-listers" such as Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Will Smith and Kevin Hart. Yo says they have had a huge impact on his career and his motivation to keep the positivity going. "It's not just for Instagram. These people are really like that, they keep pushing. That really stands out to me as a highlight, when we kind of see these people as not obtainable, and when they are obtainable and go above and beyond to make you feel special. That blows me away. It's so inspiring and motivating."

Yo is willing to go above and beyond to keep his career in the light. His love for his family and comedy go hand in hand, making it relatable, uplifting and downright hilarious. The proof is in the pudding.

The Flyers have not won a playoff series since 2012. They will be watching all the action from home this year after another disappointing showing. GETTY IMAGES

# ANOTHER WASTED SEASON FOR INCREASINGLY IRRELEVANT FLYERS

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The last time the Flyers won a playoff round, Peter Laviolette was their head coach, Chris Pronger the captain, and Ilya Bryzgalov the goalie.

That was 2012, eons ago by NHL standards. Since then, the orange and black have gone through three coaches, one captain (although I do not blame Claude Giroux for this mess) and 17 goalies — eight of them just this past season.

They're none the better for it. The latest embarrassment sputtered to an end last weekend, with the Flyers losing 10 of their final 13 games, the sooner to line up offseason tee times. There was a sense among fans and media the players had just given up, a notion disputed by Sean Couturier, the leading goal scorer.

"I don't think it's a question of effort," he said. "I think it's more of playing the right way and being a little smarter."

Ahh. That makes me feel much better.

Couturier is among a small group who gets a pass for the team's ineptitude. Add in rookie goalie Carter Hart, defensemen Radko Gudas and Travis Sanheim, along with Giroux. Maybe one or two others. You could squeeze all the positives into one Mini Cooper.

Twelve years a Flyer, Giroux continues to hustle and put up points. He's also got a no-movement clause but, really, what purpose does he serve here at this point? He's 31 now. By the time a contender is built, will Giroux still be a productive player?

You should expect to see Jakub Voracek move on, based on some of his coded comments about teammates. And after a dismal year of turnovers and bad angles, Shayne Gostisbehere may have tested his bosses to the limit.

It speaks volumes that Gudas — nothing more than an honest plugger — collected the award for the team's top defenseman as Gostisbehere and Ivan Provorov stood watching on Fan Appreciation Night. Those two, projected for stardom, should be ashamed of their seasons.

The big question for the seventh straight offseason is, where is the franchise headed? There are a handful of competent players, the promise of a few prospects and Hart — maybe, just maybe, the goalie we've been waiting on for three decades.

But is there a plan? Starting at the top, we have no idea whether Dave Scott, the Comcast Spectacor poohbah now heading the franchise, has the sense of how to run a hockey team or the passion to do so. Below him is president Paul Holmgren, a Flyer for life who seems to have used up his chances to solidify the franchise.

Chuck Fletcher, the new GM, has a solid résumé, but much to prove in this hockey town.

At season's end, players rallied for interim coach Scott Gordon — in their words, though absolutely not through their performance. I can think of no worse endorsement. Why would anyone listen to what these underachievers have to say?

Meanwhile, Joel Quenneville — everyone's pick for the job — is headed for the Florida Panthers. It's a sad state of events when the best man for the gig chooses an NHL outpost in Sunrise, Florida, without even taking a look at this once-great hockey town.

It's been 44 years since the Flyers won their second Stanley Cup, and they continue to sink into irrelevance, around the NHL and even locally, where stars like Joel Embiid, Carson Wentz and Bryce Harper own the market.

Instead, the Flyers closed out their desultory season with a skit featuring Gritty the mascot fighting 10 pretend goalies. Fans in the half-empty arena laughed in delight at the hijinks. Kind of says it all.

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# Online bet slips offer a quicker betting experience

SugarHouse and Parx already offer up online bet slip options.

Matt Burke is a veteran sports journalist and the Founder and Editor in Chief of MetroBet.

MATT BURKE

We're still unfortunately in a holding pattern when it comes to online sports betting in Pennsylvania.

MetroBet has been hearing that it's happening "soon," but at the same time we've been hearing "soon" since January.

No doubt the retail sportsbooks already set up in Philadelphia are itching to get things underway online, just as prospective bettors are. Several books in Philly already have an online presence in place so that they can easily flip the switch when they get the green light from the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

Both SugarHouse and Parx have a function on their respective websites and apps (both available for free in the iTunes App Store) that allows you to create a bet slip online without having to be present at the sportsbook. The current main use for the "bet slip builder" is to prep your bets so that when you go to the sportsbook teller, you only have to scan a QR code on your phone to upload your bets.

"It's easy to use and is really beneficial during busy periods," Parx Senior VP of Interactive Gaming and Sports Matthew Cullen told MetroBet. "You can get in and out."

It is also extremely helpful for those of us who suffer from severe math anxiety to figure out what the potential payout would be on a bet. In essence, SugarHouse's QuickBet tool also serves as an easy-to-use betting calculator. To calculate how much you'd make betting $10 on any individual player to win the Masters, visit **www.sugarhousecasino.com/quickbets**.

"SugarHouse capped off the excitement [of the NCAA Tournament] by awarding a trip to the Final Four to one lucky bettor who used the QuickBet tool on our SugarHouse app," SugarHouse Casino Vice President and General Counsel Evan Davis told MetroBet.

**TWEET OF THE DAY**

**Chris Fallica**
@ChrisFallica

You guys think I would get beat up here in Philly if I tell someone that Bryce Harper couldn't play QB in the NFL?

# Sports betting 101: Take a swing at wagering on golf

Golf betting is one of the fastest-growing categories of sports betting in the U.S. There are a handful of reasons why:

1. The boss likes betting. PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan is in full support of sports betting. In January at his annual media roundtable, he commented, "Sports betting leads to more fan engagement."
2. Lots of choices. Upwards of 100 golfers participate in almost every PGA Tour event. This means you get paid handsomely if you correctly pick the winner of a tournament.
3. Get your money's worth. A typical PGA Tour event has four rounds. What better way to get your money's worth on a bet, rooting on your golfer pick for four days?
4. Massive amounts of data make for lots of fun research. Close to 3.5 million shots are taken during PGA Tour events in the course of a year (100 golfers x four rounds x 70 shots x 46 events).

There are a variety of ways to bet on golf. We will focus on the most common bet placed.

**OUTRIGHT WINNER**

There are 87 betting interests (golfers that one can be bet on) in the 2019 Masters. From betting favorites Rory McIlroy (7/1) and Tiger Woods (14/1) to 61-year-old Ian Woosnam (1991 Masters Champion) at 2000/1, bettors have a huge choice of players to back.

Here's how it works. A $10 bet on McIlroy to win the Masters will return $80 ($70 in profit) if he in fact is able to take home the Green Jacket. Tiger will get you back 14 times your money and return $150 on a $10 bet if he is able to win his fifth Masters, while "Woosie," whose last tournament win was on the European Tour 20 years ago, will break the bank with a $20,010 return on a $10 bet.

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# Bet the Over? MLB home run totals soaring

2019 could be a record year for the long ball.

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Baseball Prospectus published an article last Friday that hardball handicappers and bettors should pay very close attention to. Its title says it all: "Moonshot: The Baseball Is Juiced (Again)."

Author Robert Arthur is the analytics writer who helped expose the dramatic impact that a change in ball construction had on increased home run totals back in 2017. Long ball numbers returned to relative normalcy in 2018, on what was assumed to be a transition back to prior ball construction. So far in 2019, BOOM.

Key quote: "At least so far, the baseball has played like it's much more aerodynamic than it was last year. In fact, the current drag coefficient is really only comparable to 2017, when the baseballs were more aerodynamic than they had been in at least a decade."

That was before the Mets out-homered the Washington Nationals 5-2 Saturday in a 6-5 victory, and before those same two teams played a 21-run slugfest Sunday (in a great pitchers' park) that more than tripled the market Over/Under of six in a projected duel started by Max Scherzer and Zack Wheeler.

Needless to say, if you've grown comfortable betting baseball Unders for full games, five-inning propositions, and team totals…or just the "no" on whether a run will be scored in the first inning… you may want to re-evaluate your process.

VSiN isn't suggesting you only bet Overs. Not every offense is lighting up the scoreboard. Not every pitcher is flailing as badly as the Boston Red Sox starting rotation (it was Game 10 before a Sox starter didn't allow a home run in his appearance!). Just remember that the math has shaded up from last season, at least with the current batch of baseballs in use.

Smart bettors should spend time studying...

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**THE WEATHER:** Cold weather tends to hamper home run totals for a variety of reasons. We could include "visual conditions," too, because domes or temporarily roofed stadiums can hamper visibility. It's harder to hit home runs if you can't see the ball well. You can bet more aggressively on offenses in good hitting conditions.

**THE BALLPARKS**: It makes more sense to ask for run scoring explosions in the friendliest "band box" parks, less so in spacious stadiums where further fly balls just end up as outs on the warning track. Re-familiarize yourself with park effects.

**THE HOME RUN TENDENCIES OF STARTING PITCHERS:** There are many statistical sites online that allow you to study ground ball/fly ball ratios of all Major League Pitchers, and the percentage of fly balls that turn into homers. Laying odds with home run-prone starting pitchers just doesn't make any sense right now.

**THE HOME RUN CAPABILITIES OF EACH OFFENSE:** Weak hitting teams won't benefit as much as those with wall-to-wall slugging. Power offenses playing in home-run friendly conditions will be great bets at underdog or cheap favorite prices.

No reason to stubbornly swim upstream with past betting strategies that may not be well-suited to the current reality. If baseballs are destined to continue soaring out of stadiums, bet accordingly.

Jeff Fogle

## Sports on TV Highlights

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| 9:30 pm | **NBA Basketball**<br>Houston Rockets vs. OKC Thunder | TNT |

## Phillies and Sixers betting previews

**NATIONALS AT PHILLIES**
Early runs should be extremely hard to come by in Tuesday night's matchup between the Washington Nationals (4-4) and Philadelphia Phillies (6-2) at Citizens Bank Park.

Stephen Strasburg (1-0, 2.84 ERA) will toe the rubber for Washington, and in his last eight starts against the Phillies he's 5-0 with a 2.96 ERA. Right fielder Bryce Harper is an X-factor for Philly, having not faced his former teammate yet, but center fielder Odubel Herrera and first baseman Rhys Hoskins are a combined 4-for-33 (.121) against Strasburg. The California product has been better on the road than at home since 2016, going 24-5 (34 starts) with a 2.52 ERA. At home, his stats are rather ordinary (16-10, 3.81 ERA).

Aaron Nola (1-0, 7.00 ERA) counters for Philadelphia, and in five starts against the Nats last year, he was 3-1 with a 2.14 ERA. Washington batted just .200 against him. Nola was simply dominant in night games a year ago, going 12-2 (19 starts) with a 1.98 ERA and opponent batting average of .172.

***The play: Nationals vs. Phillies Under (first five innings)***

**76ERS AT HEAT**
The motivation for the Sixers (50-30) on Tuesday night is questionable but the Miami Heat (38-42), still in the running for the eighth and final playoff spot in the East, have shot themselves in the foot by losing four straight games.

The Sixers have gone Over in nine of their last 12 games. Meanwhile, the Heat have exceeded the total in three of their last four games. Shooting guard Dion Waiters has averaged 20.4 points over his last five efforts.

***The play: Sixers vs. Heat Over***

ROBERT CRISCOLA

## VSiN DAILY LINE

**MLB**

WASHINGTON NATIONALS +125 AT PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES -135

TORONTO BLUE JAYS +190 AT BOSTON RED SOX -230

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**NBA**

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS -1 AT MIAMI HEAT

BOSTON CELTICS -5 AT WASHINGTON WIZARDS

HOUSTON ROCKETS AT OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER EVEN

TORONTO RAPTORS -6.5 AT MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES

# Whom will Sixers get in first-round series?

Two teams are in contention for the East's No. 6 seed.

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Ben Simmons (right), Joel Embiid (left) and the Sixers have the No. 3 seed locked up in the Eastern Conference. GETTY IMAGES

With two games left in their 2018-19 regular season, the Philadelphia 76ers are locked into the Eastern Conference's No. 3 spot. At 50-30, they sit 6.5 games back of the second-place Toronto Raptors and 3.5 games in front of the fourth-place Boston Celtics.

It's been the standing they've held for most of the season as the Sixers have seemingly been playing out the schedule over the last three weeks. They don't appear to be taking it too seriously, either, as their main contributors have been rested down the stretch to get them in top form for the postseason run.

That's probably why they've gone 3-5 over their past eight games, by far their worst stretch of the season.

The only question that remains now is whom the 76ers will meet in the first round of the playoffs, beginning April 13.

As it stands, there are two teams that could snag the No. 6 spot in the East, which is currently being resided in by the surprising Brooklyn Nets.

With one game left to play in their season, the already-clinched Nets could still be caught for the sixth seed by the Orlando Magic, a team with an identical 41-40 record but which is behind on the tiebreaker.

The Nets finish their season Wednesday night against the 10th-place Miami Heat, a team desperate for a win to keep their dim playoff hopes alive, while the Magic are up against an equally desperate ninth-place Charlotte Hornets.

Both the Heat and Hornets will be rooting for the eighth-place Detroit Pistons to lose their final two games of the season to the Memphis Grizzlies and New York Knicks.

So of the Nets and Magic, whom would the Sixers rather see?

Here is how they stacked up against each team this year:

## SIXERS vs. POTENTIAL NO. 6 SEEDS IN EASTERN CONFERENCE

### SIXERS VS. NETS SEASON REVIEW

**Meetings:** 4
**Record:** 2-2
**Points For Per Game:** 117.8
**Field-Goal% For:** 42.5
**Points Allowed Per Game:** 121.0
**FG% Against:** 44.5

**Joel Embiid vs. Nets:**
4 games, 30.0 ppg, 14.3 rpg

**D'Angelo Russell vs. 76ers:**
4 games, 21.0 ppg, 7.3 apg

### SIXERS VS. MAGIC SEASON REVIEW

**Meetings:** 4
**Record:** 2-2
**Points For Per Game:** 108.5
**FG% For:** 41.0
**Points Allowed Per Game:** 112.8
**FG% Against:** 42.0

**JJ Redick vs. Magic:**
4 games, 21.8 ppg, 52.8% 3-point FG

**Nikola Vucevic vs. 76ers:**
4 games, 24.3 ppg, 11.0 rpg

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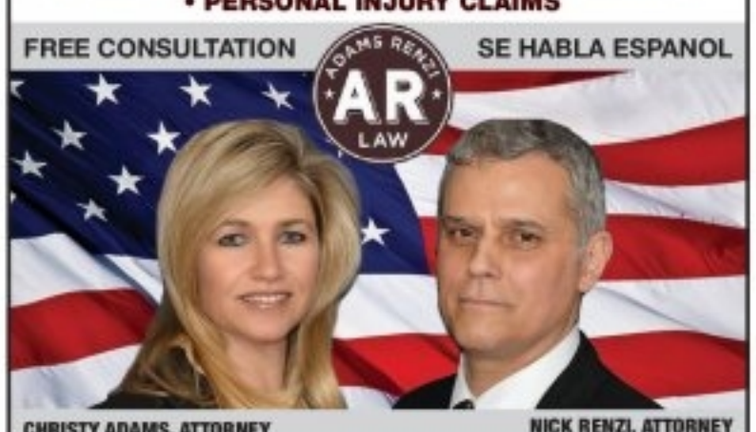

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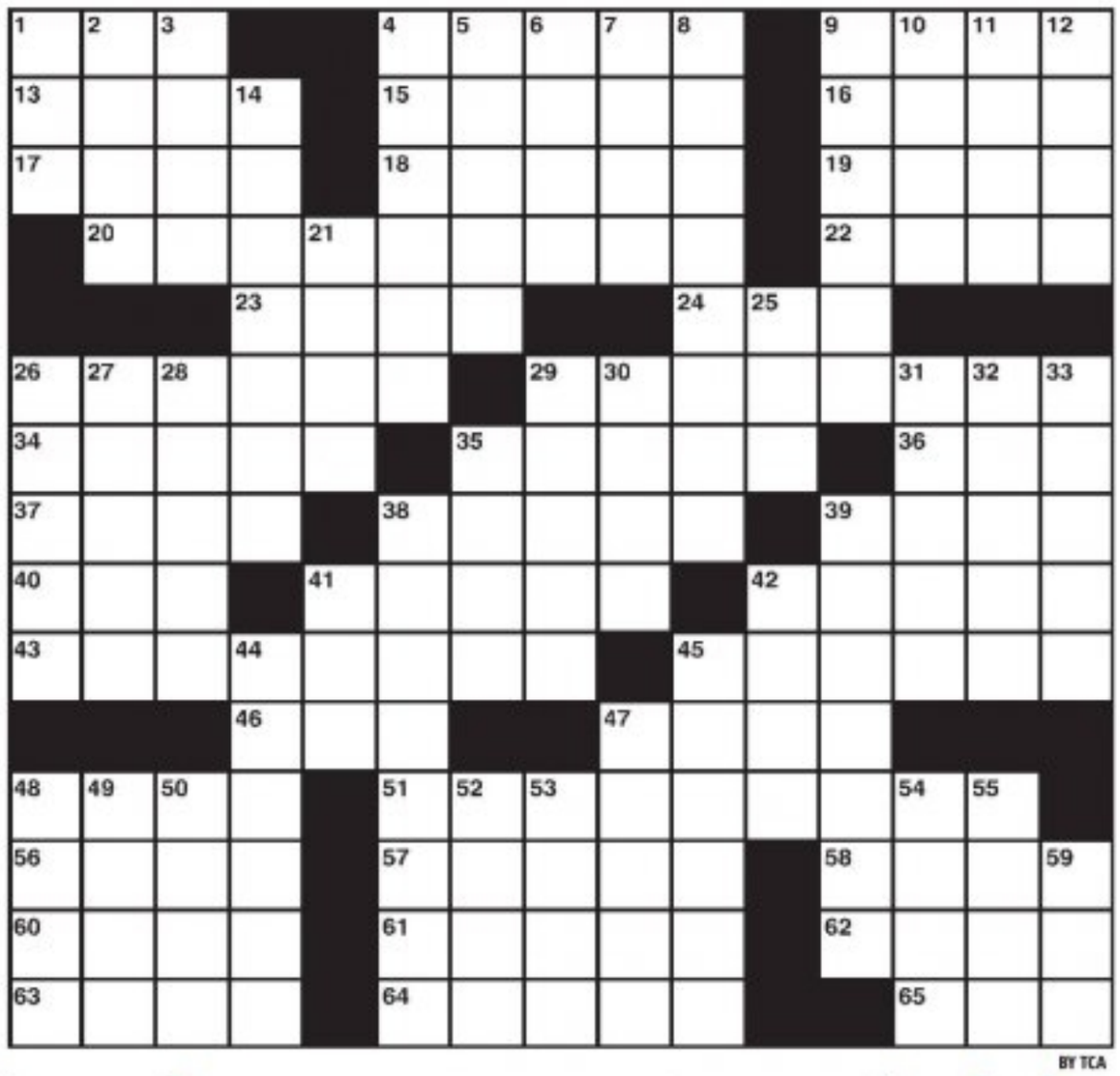

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1 Commercials
4 Monk's superior
9 Home of twigs
13 Ark builder
15 Window covering
16 Sore
17 Meditative exercise
18 Compare
19 Facial feature
20 Delight
22 Make sharper
23 Has __ on; claims in advance
24 Commotion
26 Bacon pieces
29 Family tree elder
34 Wading bird
35 Small bottles
36 Kill two birds with __ stone
37 Piece of jewelry
38 Bisect
39 Contemplate
40 Play a role
41 Walk leisurely
42 Summoned with a beeper
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47 Realtor's delight
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51 Sassiness
56 Wood choppers
57 Facial hair
58 Warty amphibian
60 In order
61 T-shirt size
62 Additionally
63 African antelopes
64 Go into
65 Needle's hole

**DOWN**
1 __ day now; soon
2 Unhappy fate
3 Wise man
4 Speaks without preparation
5 Teacup edges
6 Cake recipe verb
7 Remove the lid from
8 Snail's feeler
9 Cheese-topped tortilla chips
10 Canyon sound
11 Part of the leg
12 Tim Daly's sis
14 20th-century U.S. president
21 Like a juicy pear
25 __ Moines
26 Leftover fragment
27 In a __; quickly
28 __ and raves; makes a scene
29 Felt sick
30 Blue shade
31 Difficult
32 Beginning
33 Long and slender
35 Bouquet holder
38 Awful
39 Purplish red
41 "Cry __ River"
42 Stack
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